

Farmers Branch Manske Library Board Minutes,

October 9, 2014

Board Members Present: Erica Brown, Ginny Welch, Sue Saiter, Charles Sullivan, Heather O'Hara, Linda Curry, Vicki Goode, Ruth Ann Parish, Bruce Crozier, Diane Grafenberg

Board Members Absent: Wendi Lamb

Staff in Attendance: Dana Braccia, LSSI Regional Director, Natalia Ivenskaya, Paul Marcum, both Acting Director Liaisons, and John Land, City of FB Managing Director.

Guest: Pat Edmiston

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Chair Erica Brown. The Minutes were approved as emailed.

Ginny Welch reviewed the **Suggestion Box** in the absence of Wendi Lamb, mentioning a request for the **Dallas Buyers Club** movie and another for more updated knitting books. More E-books and audio books were also requested. One patron wrote a note about "screaming" children and remarked that the staff is scared to ask parents to control their children. That note was signed and the patron will be contacted by staff.

John Land listed a number of **Community Events** which occur in October, including Blooming Bluegrass, a Craft Fair at the Senior Center, a Celebration of Roses, a Star Party, and Halloween in the Park. November 8 is the date of a Vintage Baseball Game in Farmers Branch.

The Acquisitions Report was delivered online and reviewed briefly by Erica Brown.

Sue Saiter delivered the Trustees report, mentioning ALA e-courses on such topics as Social Media Basics. Sue said ALA is trying to get the FCC to bring faster broadband service to libraries. Midwinter will be held in Chicago Jan. 30-Feb. 3. TXLA will have inter-district meetings throughout the state Oct. 17-18.

Erica Brown changed the order of the Agenda and asked Dana Braccia to give the Library Director's report. She introduced Natalia Ivenskaya and Paul Marcum who will serve as Acting Director Liaisons while a search for a new Library Director is held. Recruiting is occurring now and they already have a number of applicants. This is a highly desirable location and LSSI is looking for a good fit for LSSI, the City and the Board. It could be a 6-8 week process, and in the meantime, Regional Directors Dana Braccia, Cindy Delanty, and other LSSI directors will be in town to oversee library activities and offer staff training until a new library director is named.

Board members were interested in what role we might have in the selection process. Charles Sullivan expressed concern that we thought the library has been well run and very successful and we don't want to see that quality of service change. Ms. Braccia said the change should not be noticeable to the public.

The Statistical Reports were attached to the Board Packet and were referred to briefly. Bruce Crozier mentioned that the asterisk on the Monthly Activity Report had been placed on the wrong line. Info on the door counter should refer back to "Persons Visiting Library," not "total Checkouts." That correction will be made by staff.

We returned to the New Business portion of the Agenda, noting that the Readers Are Leaders Board Photo would be postponed until a New Director is in place. As noted on the agenda, the November Board meeting date is in conflict with the City Town Hall meeting. Vicki Goode moved that the meeting date be moved up a week to November 6. The motion was seconded by Ruth Ann Parish. The board discussed this briefly and the motion passed.

The Board Elections resulted in the following Officers being elected to serve the remainder of the year and in 2015:

Erica Brown was nominated by Heather O'Hara to continue as Board Chair. The nomination was seconded by Vicki Goode and passed unanimously.

Charles Sullivan was nominated as Board Chair Elect by Erica and the nomination was seconded by Heather. Charles was elected unanimously.

The committee chair positions were filled by member volunteers:

Ginny Welch, Suggestion Box

Ruth Ann Parish, Community

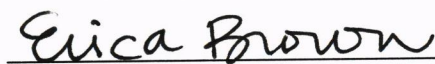
Diane Grafenberg, Acquisitions

Heather O'Hara, Trustees,

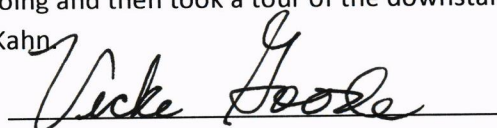
Vicki Goode, Board Secretary

Dana Braccia mentioned as part of the Director's Report, that the Library has received a Texas History Grant and will digitize the Farmers Branch Times now stored in the archives. The Outdoor Movies brought in 415 people in spite of weather issues the first night; the Tuskegee Airman program drew 127 Attendees. She reviewed the Calendar of Monthly Events, asking that all board members consider volunteering to help with Farmers Branch Reads activities and Halloween related activities on Oct. 29 at 5:30...maybe even in costume! Cookies with Santa will be held Dec. 10 at 5:30 PM, and next week on Oct. 14 a Secret Societies program will be offered at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM. The Board noted the yellow tape across the restroom doors close to the library entrance where renovations are ongoing and then took a tour of the downstairs area featuring newly painted tables by resident artist Caren Kahn.



Chairman



Vicki Goode